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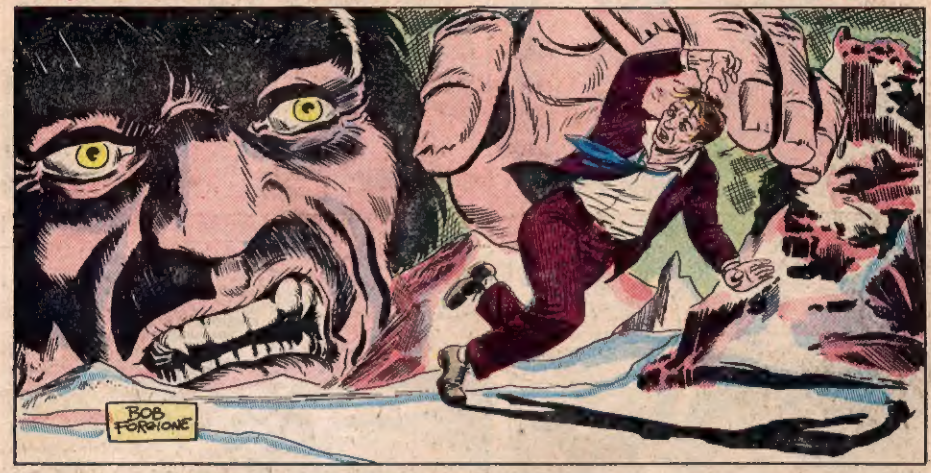
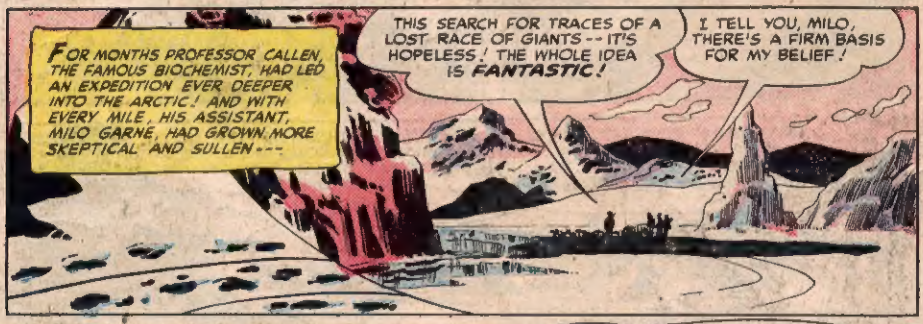
NIGHTMARE from the PAST!





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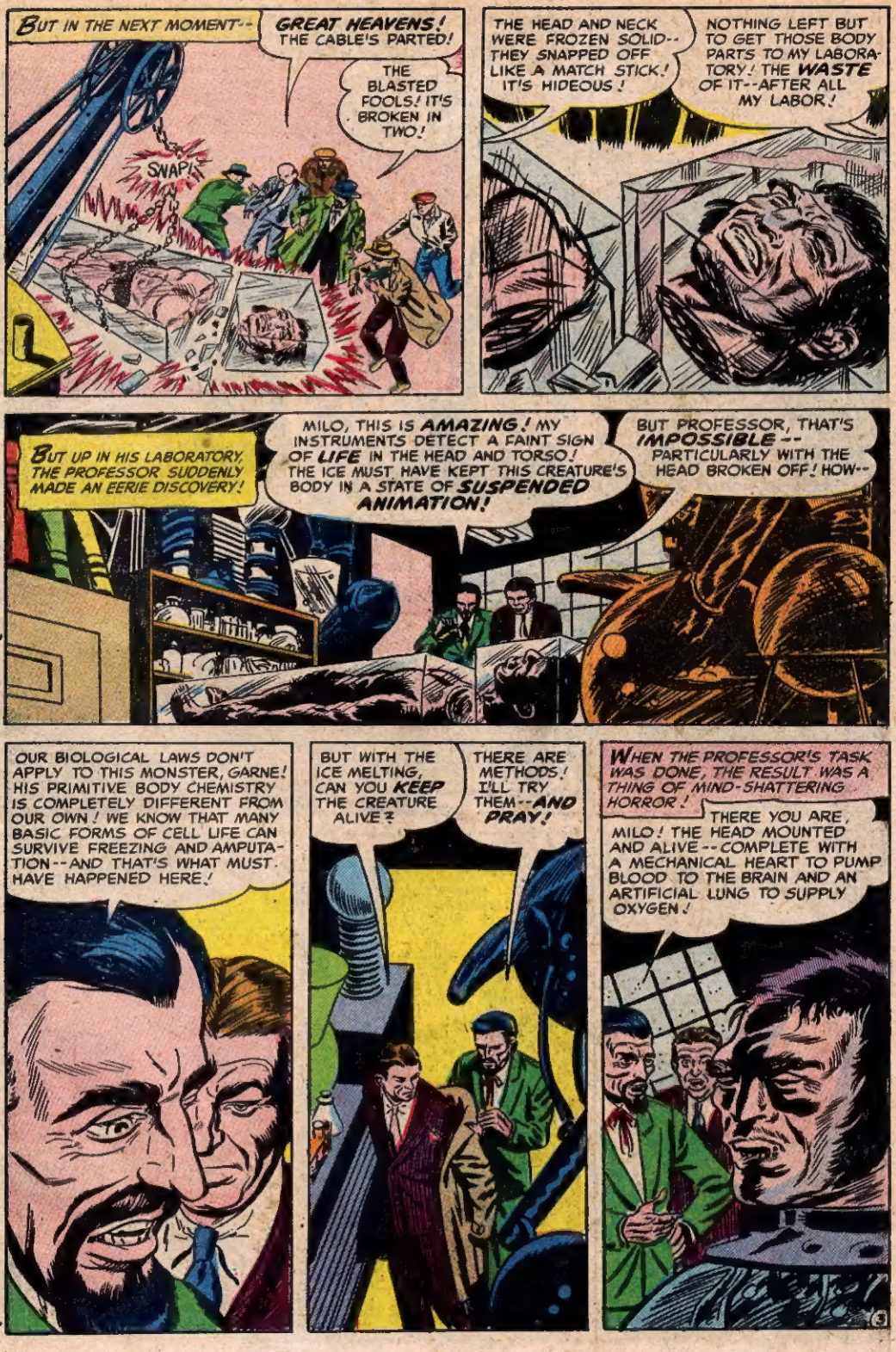
I TELL YOU THAT GIANT RACE EXISTED -- AND THE ARCTIC IS THE LOGICAL PLACE TO FIND THEIR TRACES! THE ICE WOULD HAVE PRESERVED THEIR REMAINS --
CURSE THE OLD FOOL AND HIS THEORIES! WHY SHOULD I RISK MY LIFE FOR THE MISERABLE FEW DOLLARS HE PAYS ME?
BUT THE VERY NEXT DAY CAME WEIRD EVIDENCE!
MILO, LOOK! THERE IN THE ICE -- JUST AS I PREDICTED!
IT--IT'S UNBELIEVABLE! A GIANT -- FROZEN INTO THE GLACIER!
WE'LL CUT HIM OUT IN A SOLID BLOCK OF ICE! THAT WAY, WE'LL BE ABLE TO PRESERVE THE BODY TILL WE GET BACK TO CIVILIZATION!
AT LAST, THE TITANIC CREATURE WAS CUT FROM ITS ICY GRAVE---
WELL, WE'RE DONE AT LAST!
BUT PROFESSOR, SHOULDN'T WE CONTINUE THE SEARCH? WE MIGHT FIND SOME EVIDENCE OF THE GIANT'S CIVILIZATION! PERHAPS THOSE CREATURES EVEN HAVE SOME TREASURE BURIED NEARBY!
TREASURE? WE'VE GOT A MORE IMPORTANT JOB THAN THAT, MILO -- GETTING THIS BODY BACK FOR INVESTIGATION AND RESEARCH!
THE IDIOT! THROWING AWAY THE CHANCE OF FINDING THE GREATEST HOARD OF WEALTH THE WORLD EVER KNEW!
AND SO--
HUGE BODY BEING MOVED SOUTH!
GIANT FOUND ENCASED IN ICE!
FINALLY, AT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF BIOLOGY---
WELCOME, PROFESSOR CALLEN! WE HAVE THIS CRANE READY TO HAUL THE ICE BLOCK UP TO THE LABORATORY WE'VE PREPARED FOR YOU ON THE TOP FLOOR!
BE CAREFUL! ONE SLIP WOULD SMASH THAT BLOCK OF ICE TO BITS!


BUT IN THE NEXT MOMENT--
GREAT HEAVENS! THE CABLE'S PARTED!
THE BLASTED FOOLS! IT'S BROKEN IN TWO!
SNAP!
THE HEAD AND NECK WERE FROZEN SOLID--THEY SNAPPED OFF LIKE A MATCH STICK! IT'S HIDEOUS!
NOTHING LEFT BUT TO GET THOSE BODY PARTS TO MY LABORATORY! THE WASTE OF IT--AFTER ALL MY LABOR!
BUT UP IN HIS LABORATORY, THE PROFESSOR SUDDENLY MADE AN EERIE DISCOVERY!
MILO, THIS IS AMAZING! MY INSTRUMENTS DETECT A FAINT SIGN OF LIFE IN THE HEAD AND TORSO! THE ICE MUST HAVE KEPT THIS CREATURE'S BODY IN A STATE OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION!
BUT PROFESSOR, THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE -- PARTICULARLY WITH THE HEAD BROKEN OFF! HOW--
OUR BIOLOGICAL LAWS DON'T APPLY TO THIS MONSTER, GARNE! HIS PRIMITIVE BODY CHEMISTRY IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM OUR OWN! WE KNOW THAT MANY BASIC FORMS OF CELL LIFE CAN SURVIVE FREEZING AND AMPUTATION--AND THAT'S WHAT MUST HAVE HAPPENED HERE!
BUT WITH THE ICE MELTING, CAN YOU KEEP THE CREATURE ALIVE?
THERE ARE METHODS! I'LL TRY THEM--AND PRAY!
WHEN THE PROFESSOR'S TASK WAS DONE, THE RESULT WAS A THING OF MIND-SHATTERING HORROR!
THERE YOU ARE, MILO! THE HEAD MOUNTED AND ALIVE--COMPLETE WITH A MECHANICAL HEART TO PUMP BLOOD TO THE BRAIN AND AN ARTIFICIAL LUNG TO SUPPLY OXYGEN!

I'M INCREASING THE HEART RATE SLOWLY! WITH LUCK, THAT HEAD SHOULD REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS SOON! IF THE LARYNX IS UNIMPAIRED, IT MAY EVEN SPEAK!
L-LOOK--THE EYES! THEY'RE OPENING!
DWARF CREATURES--WHO ARE YOU? WHAT HAVE YOU--DONE TO ME?
YOU WERE ASLEEP--ASLEEP FOR UNCOUNTED YEARS WHEN WE FOUND YOU! WE BROUGHT YOU HERE!
WHERE ARE MY ARMS, MY BODY? PITIFUL PYGMIES--YOU TOY WITH FORCES--YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND!
WHAT HAPPENED WAS AN ACCIDENT!
BUT NOW THAT YOU LIVE AND SPEAK--PERHAPS YOU WILL TELL US WHAT WE WISH TO KNOW! YOUR RACE AND CIVILIZATION--
I-I WILL NOT SPEAK--UNLESS YOU PROMISE TO STOP THIS UNBEARABLE PAIN AND PUT ME TO SLEEP ONCE MORE!
AGREED!
VERY WELL... KNOW THEN THAT I AM TOOR, THE LAST OF THE GREAT ONES WHO ONCE RULED THE EARTH...A MASTER RACE OF UNMATCHED WEALTH AND POWER! UNTIL FATE ORDAINED THAT YOUR CURSED DWARF PEOPLE SHOULD DESTROY US ONE BY ONE!
AS THE LAST OF MY RACE, MY MISSION WAS TO HIDE AND PRESERVE OUR RECORDS, OUR WEALTH! I WENT NORTH TO BURY THEM IN THE ETERNAL COLD--BUT I WAS TRAPPED BENEATH THE ICE...
WEALTH! DID YOU HEAR THAT, CALLEN?
I TOLD YOU THERE MIGHT BE TREASURE--BUT YOU WOULDN'T LISTEN!
OF COURSE NOT! SCIENCE IS FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANY MERE PILE OF GOLD AND GLITTERING BAUBLES!
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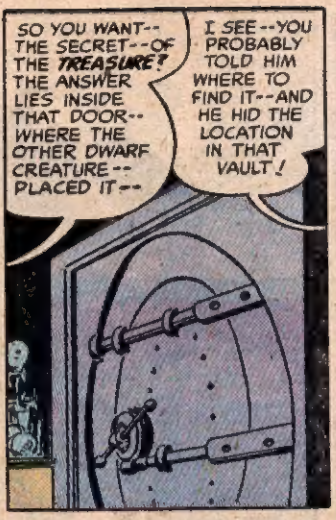
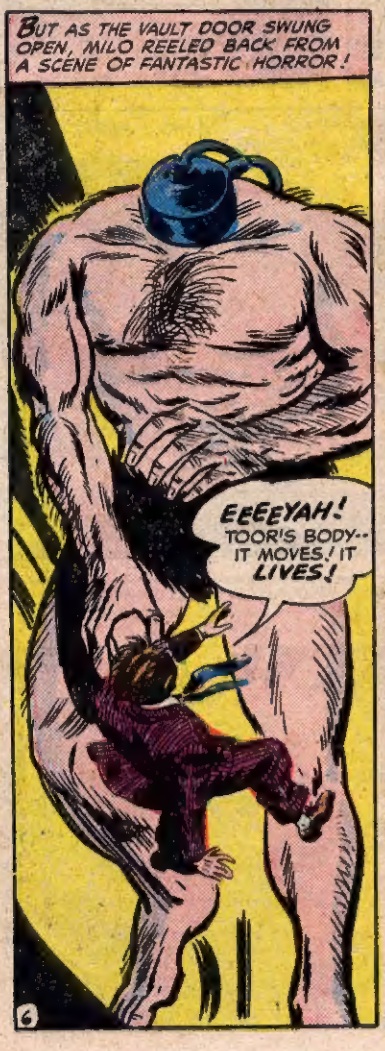
THE CREATURE IS ALMOST EXHAUSTED WITH PAIN AND SHOCK--WE'LL CONTINUE OUR QUESTIONS TOMORROW!
COME BACK! YOU MUST STOP THIS TORMENT, THIS PAIN! YOU PROMISED!
I KNOW IT'S WRONG TO TORTURE IT THIS WAY, BUT I MUST KEEP THE CREATURE UNTIL WE FIND OUT ALL!
YES--AND THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO FIND OUT TOO!
THAT NIGHT, A FURTIVE FIGURE SLIPPED INTO THE LABORATORY--
I WANT YOU TO TELL ME WHERE YOU HID THAT TREASURE, TOOR!
I CANNOT--TELL YOU THAT! IT WAS--A SACRED TRUST!
WON'T ANSWER, EH? WELL, I HAVE THE MEANS TO MAKE YOU TALK! SOMETHING YOUR PRIMITIVE MIND PROBABLY WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND--AN ELECTRICAL DEVICE DESIGNED TO ADMINISTER A SHARP SHOCK TO THE BRAIN!
I DO NOT--FEAR YOU, DWARF CREATURE! YOU WILL NOT-MAKE ME SPEAK!
NO? WATCH!
THE SWITCH WAS THROWN--AND TOOR'S MONSTROUS FEATURES WRITHED WITH INCREDIBLE PAIN AND SHOCK.
NOW, YOU BLASTED GOLIATH, TALK! TALK!
YAAAGH!
AGAIN AND AGAIN MILO GARNE THREW THE SWITCH--SENDING THE SEARING CURRENT THROUGH TOOR'S BRAIN!

AT LAST, THE GIANT'S RESISTENCE SEEMED TO EBB---
NO--MORE! I'LL--TELL YOU--
I KNEW I COULD CONVINCE YOU!


SO YOU WANT--THE SECRET--OF THE TREASURE? THE ANSWER LIES INSIDE THAT DOOR--WHERE THE OTHER DWARF CREATURE--PLACED IT--
I SEE--YOU PROBABLY TOLD HIM WHERE TO FIND IT--AND HE HID THE LOCATION IN THAT VAULT!

THE DOUBLE-CROSSING OLD WEASEL! PRATING ABOUT SCIENCE--WHILE ALL THE TIME HE WAS PLANNING TO GRAB THAT TREASURE FOR HIMSELF!


BUT AS THE VAULT DOOR SWUNG OPEN, MILO REELED BACK FROM A SCENE OF FANTASTIC HORROR!
EEEEYAH! TOOR'S BODY--IT MOVES! IT LIVES!

STUPID--PYGMY! THAT--IS THE ONLY ANSWER--YOU'LL LEARN FROM ME!

THE MONSTROUS BODY SPRANG FORWARD--AND AS SCREAM AFTER TERRIFIED SCREAM ECHOED THROUGH THE LABORATORY--
KILL! CRUSH THE LIFE FROM THE CRAWLING WORM!
AAAIIEEEEEEE

THEN--BRIEF MOMENTS LATER--THE FRIGHTFUL DRAMA REACHED ITS BLOOD-FREEZING CLIMAX!
AN END--TO THIS PAIN AND TORMENT!

AND THERE, ON THE CONCRETE WALK OF A MODERN CITY, TOOR, THE LAST OF HIS RACE FOUND HIS FINAL REST!
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STANDING ALONE ON THE deck of his yacht just before dawn in the Carribean, Terry Forbes decided that he was not only lucky, but smart. For his was a fabulous success story: poor boy wins college athletic scholarship, becomes All-America halfback, upon graduation gets job with huge sporting goods firm, marries youthful owner's sister. Poor boy becomes rich boy, and an internationally known playboy.

But something else had to be added to the ingredients of the story: greed and *murder*. For Terry Forbes was a greedy man, not content with the good fortune that had already come his way. No, after being made a full partner in the business by his wife's brother, George, he was still not satisfied. It occurred to Terry that if anything were to happen to George, a bachelor, that the entire business would become *his*.

He liked George well enough, but he thought him a rather stupid fellow, certainly no asset to the world. The only things which George liked were hunting and taking pictures of wild animals in their natural surroundings. He was always off in some outlandish place pursuing his hobby, and it irritated Terry to have to give him half the profits of the firm.

Ultimately he hit upon a way to end the annoying situation. The thing to do was to go with George on one of his African safaris. It would be simple enough to arrange an "accident."

It was when they reached lion country that the opportunity came. George had been getting marvellous pictures of ferocious beasts by holding a camera steady while they charged him. At the last moment Terry, a perfect shot, would shoot the creature dead.

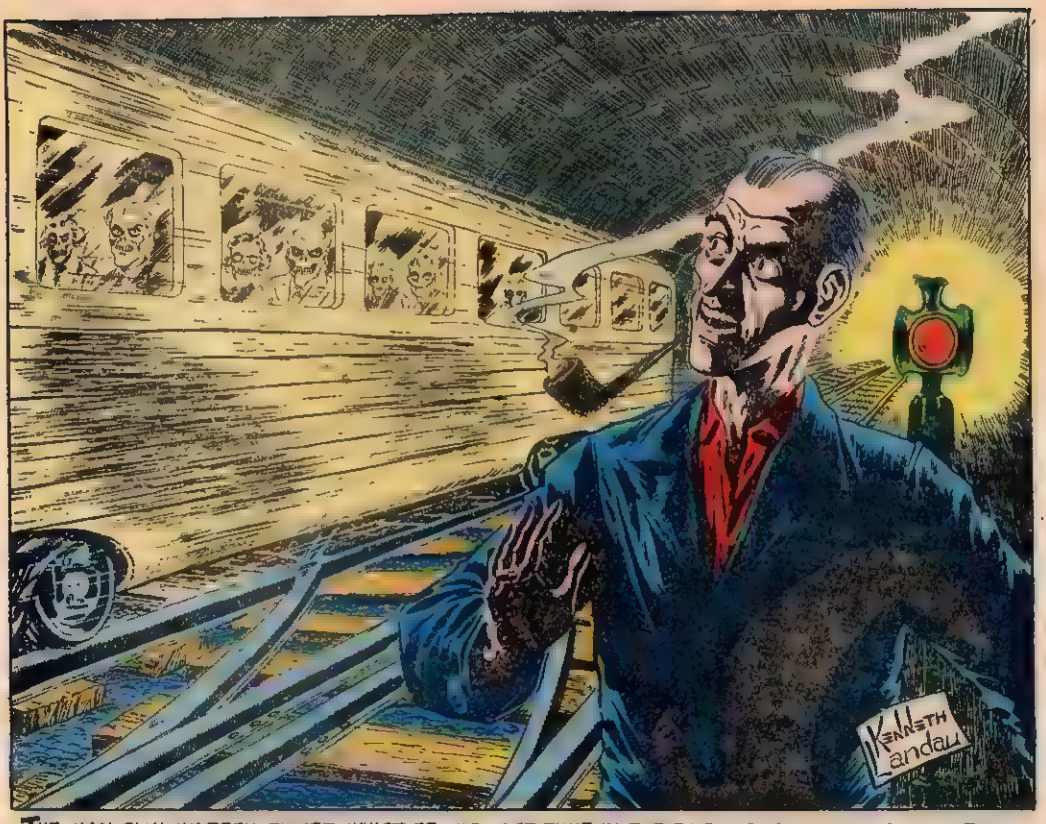
The murder went off beautifully. George waited eagerly as the natives flushed a lion out of the bush. It immediately charged him, as he was standing out in the open. Terry took careful aim. Then, just when he was supposed to shoot, he put on his big act. He screamed and acted beside himself with terror...as if the rifle had jammed!

Of course, it had been pretty awful listening to those horrible screams as the lion mangled George beyond recognition. The natives were horrified. By the time Terry got his gun operating George was beyond mortal help. In due time, the business became his.

Terry felt proud of himself as he stood on the deck of his gently rocking yacht, waiting for dawn. They were in barracuda waters, the finest deep sea fishing in the world.

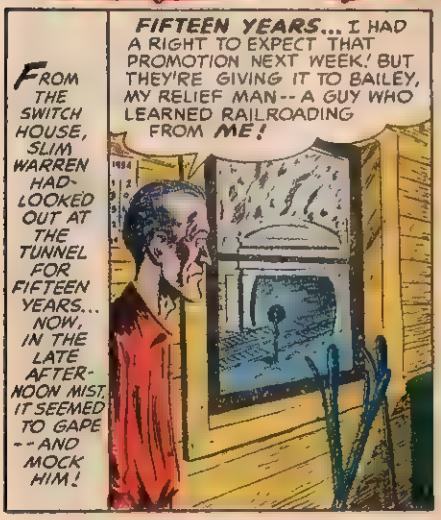
A sudden brutal shove from behind caught him unawares, toppling him over the low railing into the warm Carribean waters. In a towering rage he surfaced swiftly, intending to swim quickly back to the yacht and pulverize the practical joker. But when he glanced back at the deck his blood froze. For there, standing where he had been, was the hideously grinning ghost of his dead brother-in-law, *George*, still bearing the savage marks of the lion's claws!

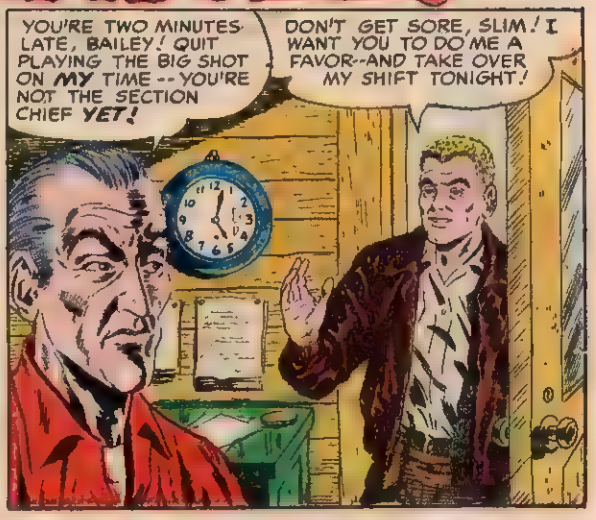
It was at that instant that the barracuda hit him, almost tearing him in half. He had time only for one piercing shriek, before the salty waters stopped his mouth forever. And in the last instants of consciousness which remained to him as the huge fish dragged him into the depths he understood the ghost's diabolical purpose: to get revenge *fittingly*, to destroy his murderer as *he* had been destroyed, in the jaws of a ravenous creature!

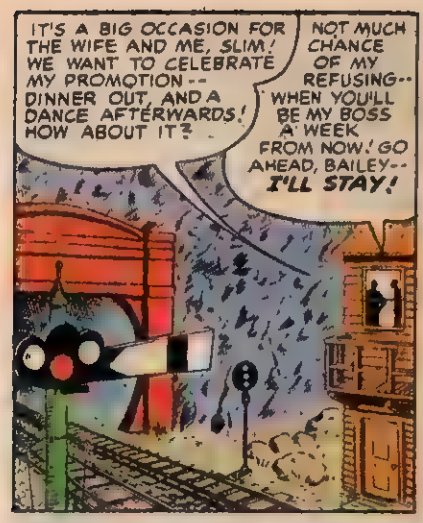


THE MAN SLIM WARREN ENVIED WHISTLED HIS LAST TUNE IN THE DARKNESS -- WALKING THOSE GLEAMING RAILS! THE EVIDENCE THAT COULD SEND SLIM WARREN TO THE DEATH HOUSE LAY THERE -- WHERE THE SIGNAL LIGHTS BLINKED RED! THERE WAS CRIME AND DISASTER THAT FOGGY NIGHT -- AND A GHOST TRAIN THAT SHRIEKED FOR REVENGE IN --

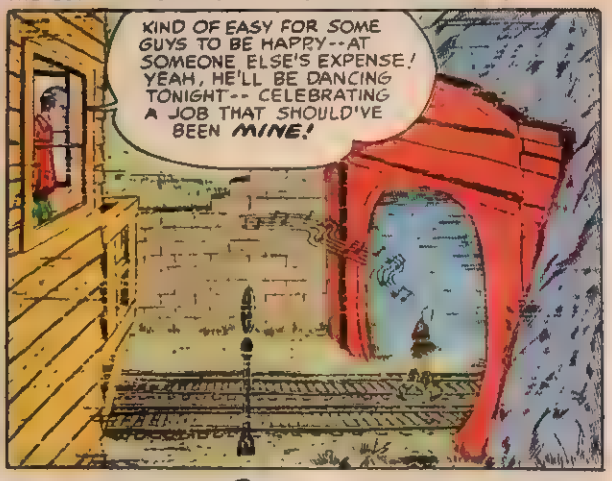
THE TUNNEL!



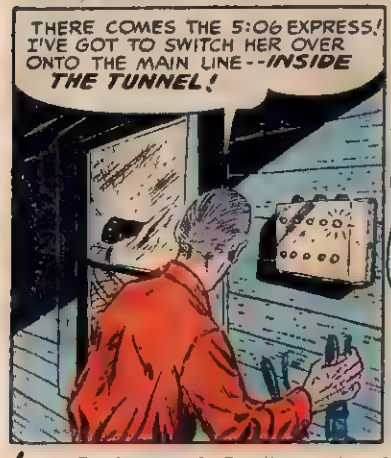




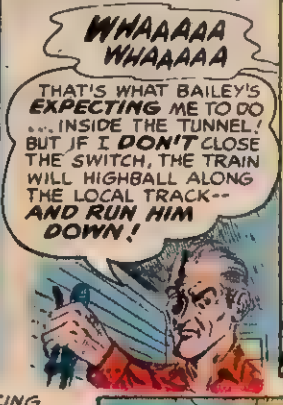
SLIM HEARD BAILEY WHISTLING IN THE FOG AS HE TOOK HIS USUAL SHORT CUT--THROUGH THE TUNNEL!



THEN A SEMAPHORE CLACKED DOWN--AND A RED LIGHT BLINKED ON THE CONTROL PANEL!

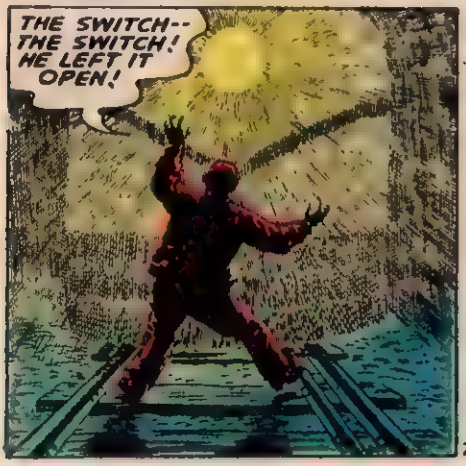


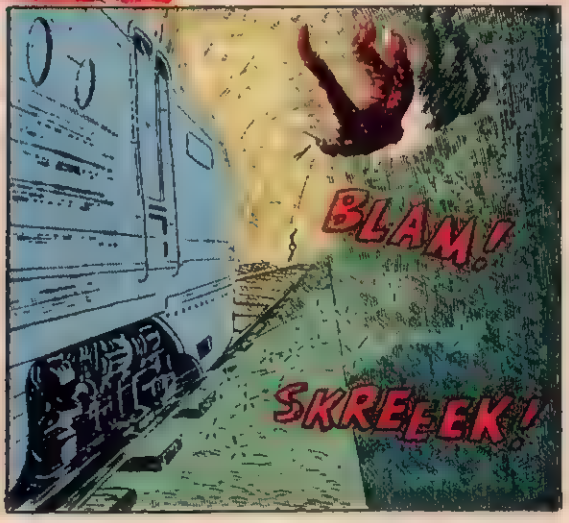
FROM FAR OFF CAME THE WAIL OF THE ON-COMING TRAIN--AND FROM FURTHER STILL ...CAME THE WHISPER OF A HIDEOUS IDEA!



BAILEY IGNORED THE SPEEDING TRAIN AS HE WALKED PAST THE SWITCH! HIS BEST FRIEND WAS AT THE CONTROLS--AND TONIGHT HE WAS GOING TO DANCE!

IN THE NEXT SECOND, HE WAS DANCING SOONER THAN HE EXPECTED--DANCING A HOPELESS JIG OF TERROR!





A BAD WAY FOR BAILEY TO DIE--AND A BAD WAY FOR THE LAST CAR OF AN EXPRESS TO TAKE THE JOLTING IMPACT OF THE BRAKES!

OHH!

HOLY SMOKE! WE'VE JUMPED THE TRACK!

KURRREECH!

THEN IT HAPPENED...THE ONLY THING THAT **CAN** HAPPEN WHEN A STEEL CAR AND A STONE WALL MEET--AT FIFTY MILES AN HOUR!

CRRRRASH!

THE FIRST SCREAMS DIED OFF--AND IN THAT TERRIBLE SILENCE--SLIM WARREN DASHED INTO THE TUNNEL!

I **MEANT** TO KILL BAILEY--BUT NOT THIS--**NOT THIS!** THERE'LL BE AN INVESTIGATION--**I'LL BE CHARGED WITH MURDER!**

HE HEARD PASSENGERS FROM THE UNDAMAGED CARS GROPING THROUGH THE TUNNEL--AND THERE AT HIS FEET...WAS THE BODY!

TAKE IT EASY... WATCH THAT THIRD RAIL!

THE WHEELS DIDN'T TOUCH BAILEY--HE MUST'VE DIED OF A FRACTURED SKULL! AND THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA--**AN IDEA THAT'LL SAVE MY NECK!**

THEY'LL DRAG THE DEAD AND INJURED OUT OF THAT WRECKED CAR BEFORE THEY COME TO THE SWITCH HOUSE! AND WHEN THEY GET THERE--**THEY'RE GOING TO FIND BAILEY!**

A HALF-HOUR LATER--

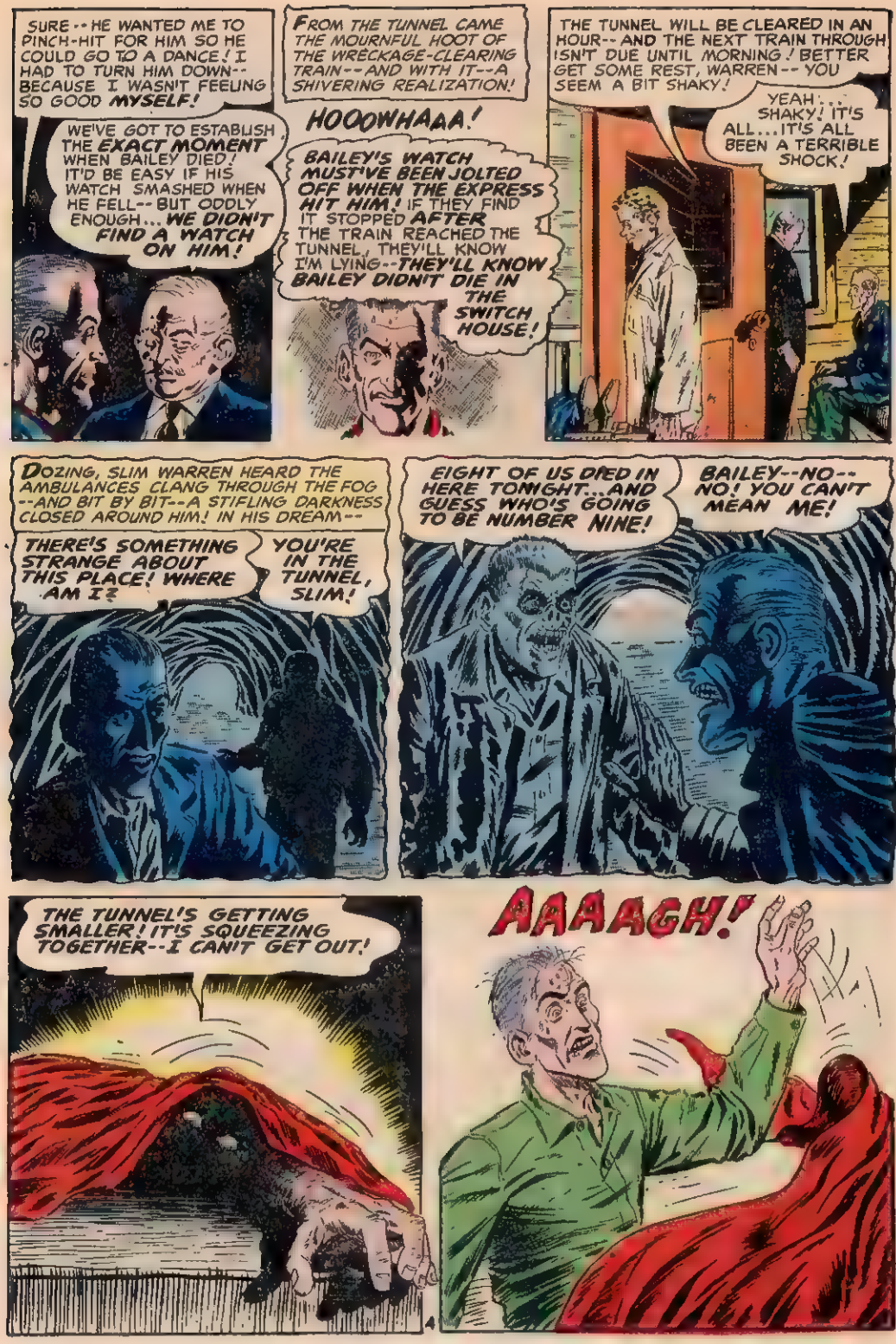
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIGURE IT, SUPERINTENDENT! THE SWITCHMAN MUST HAVE HAD A FAINTING SPELL JUST BEFORE THE TRAIN PASSED--**AND DIED WHEN HIS HEAD STRUCK THE LEVER!**

TERRIBLE--TERRIBLE! SEVEN LIVES WERE SNUFFED OUT IN THAT CAR--AFTER DEATH GOT FINISHED **HERE!**

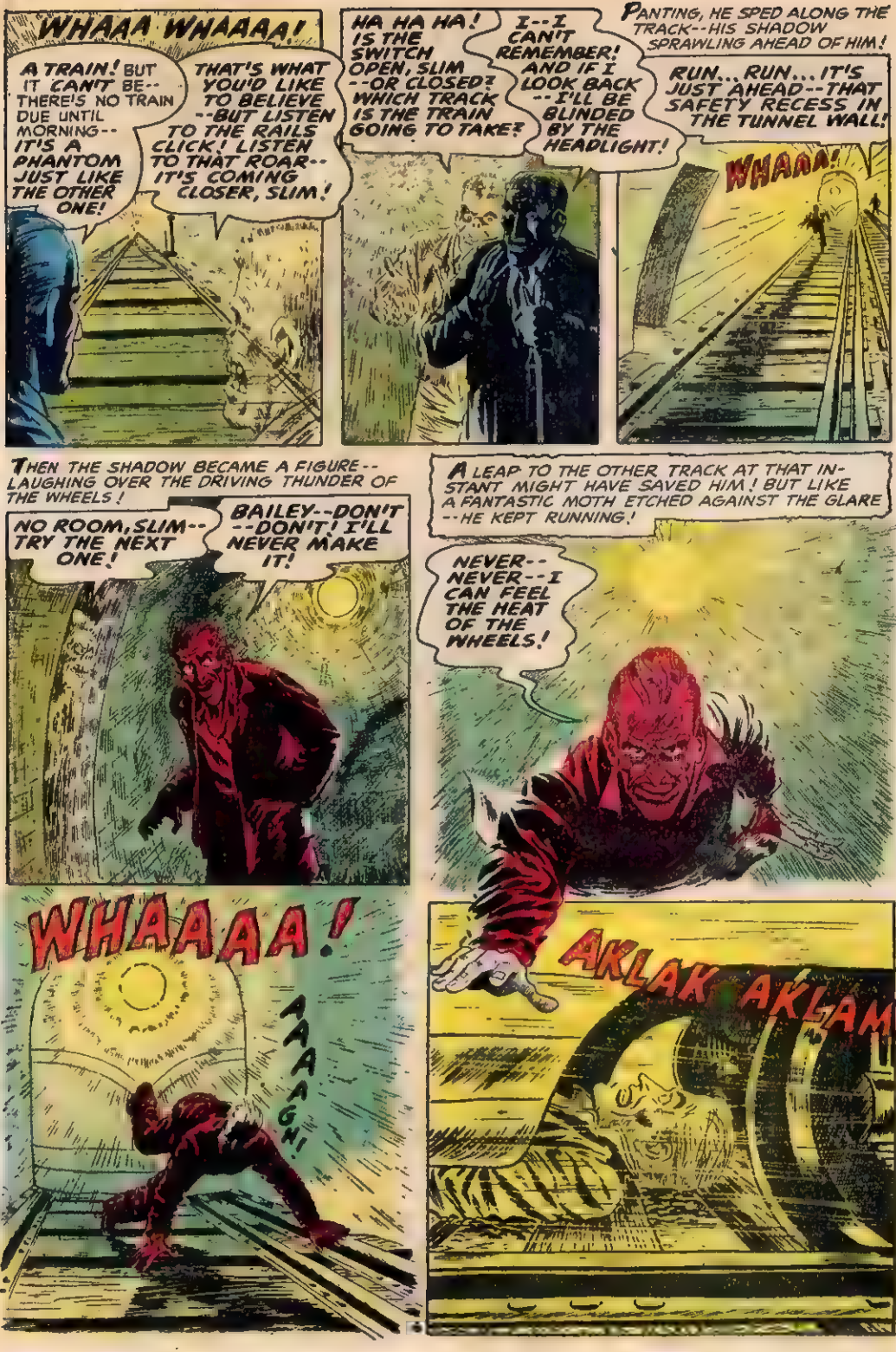
THEN--SLIM WARREN MADE A CAREFULLY-STAGED ENTRANCE!

GOOD HEAVENS--BAILEY! I **KNEW** SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED TO HIM--WHEN I HEARD ABOUT THE WRECK!

TELL ME, WARREN...DID BAILEY SEEM OKAY WHEN HE TOOK OVER THE NIGHT SHIFT?


SURE--HE WANTED ME TO PINCH-HIT FOR HIM SO HE COULD GO TO A DANCE! I HAD TO TURN HIM DOWN--BECAUSE I WASN'T FEELING SO GOOD MYSELF!
WE'VE GOT TO ESTABLISH THE EXACT MOMENT WHEN BAILEY DIED! IT'D BE EASY IF HIS WATCH SMASHED WHEN HE FELL--BUT ODDLY ENOUGH... WE DIDN'T FIND A WATCH ON HIM!
FROM THE TUNNEL CAME THE MOURNFUL HOOT OF THE WRECKAGE-CLEARING TRAIN--AND WITH IT--A SHIVERING REALIZATION!
HOOOWHAAA!
BAILEY'S WATCH MUST'VE BEEN JOLTED OFF WHEN THE EXPRESS HIT HIM! IF THEY FIND IT STOPPED AFTER THE TRAIN REACHED THE TUNNEL, THEY'LL KNOW I'M LYING--THEY'LL KNOW BAILEY DIDN'T DIE IN THE SWITCH HOUSE!
THE TUNNEL WILL BE CLEARED IN AN HOUR--AND THE NEXT TRAIN THROUGH ISN'T DUE UNTIL MORNING! BETTER GET SOME REST, WARREN--YOU SEEM A BIT SHAKY!
YEAH... SHAKY! IT'S ALL...IT'S ALL BEEN A TERRIBLE SHOCK!
DOZING, SLIM WARREN HEARD THE AMBULANCES CLANG THROUGH THE FOG --AND BIT BY BIT--A STIFLING DARKNESS CLOSED AROUND HIM! IN HIS DREAM--
THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT THIS PLACE! WHERE AM I?
YOU'RE IN THE TUNNEL, SLIM!
EIGHT OF US DIED IN HERE TONIGHT...AND GUESS WHO'S GOING TO BE NUMBER NINE!
BAILEY--NO--NO! YOU CAN'T MEAN ME!
THE TUNNEL'S GETTING SMALLER! IT'S SQUEEZING TOGETHER--I CAN'T GET OUT!
AAAAGH!

IT WAS A DREAM--JUST A DREAM--AFTER I PULLED THE BLANKET OVER MY HEAD! I'VE GOT TO GET HOLD OF MYSELF--THE WRECKING CREW'S LEFT THE TUNNEL--IT'S TIME TO LOOK FOR BAILEY'S WATCH!
THE WRECKAGE AND THE BODIES HAD BEEN CLEARED FROM THE TUNNEL... BUT THERE WAS ONE THING THAT COULD NOT BE REMOVED! IT CLUNG THERE, ICY AND UNSEEN--THE PRESENCE OF DEATH!
I--I MUSTN'T LET THAT DREAM GET ME DOWN! SEVEN PEOPLE WERE KILLED ON THAT TRAIN...BUT I DIDN'T WANT IT TO HAPPEN...I SWEAR I DIDN'T!
THEN, IN THE TOMB-LIKE SILENCE --HE SAW IT COMING!
IT'S A TRAIN--STREAKING THROUGH THE TUNNEL WITHOUT A SOUND!
THEY STARED FROM THE WINDOWS OF THE LAST CAR --SEVEN FRIGHTFUL FIGURES WITH ACCUSING FACES!
MERCIFUL HEAVEN--NO! IT'S A GHOST TRAIN--AND THOSE ARE THE VICTIMS WHO DIED TONIGHT!
NOW I KNOW THE TUNNEL'S CURSED! BUT I'M NOT GOING TO PANIC--I'M NOT GOING TO LEAVE WITHOUT BAILEY'S WATCH!
THERE'S PLENTY OF TIME, SLIM!
BAILEY!
NO NEED TO RUSH, SLIM! THERE'S PLENTY OF TIME --IN ETERNITY!
YOU CAN'T SCARE ME WITH THAT HOLLOW DEAD VOICE! I'M GOING TO FIND THAT WATCH...I'VE GOTTA FIND IT...AND IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN GHOSTS TO STOP ME!
SLIM...LISTEN! DO YOU THINK THAT CAN STOP YOU?
WHAAA!


WHAAA WHAAAA!
A TRAIN! BUT IT CAN'T BE-- THERE'S NO TRAIN DUE UNTIL MORNING-- IT'S A PHANTOM JUST LIKE THE OTHER ONE!
THAT'S WHAT YOU'D LIKE TO BELIEVE --BUT LISTEN TO THE RAILS CLICK! LISTEN TO THAT ROAR-- IT'S COMING CLOSER, SLIM!
HA HA HA! IS THE SWITCH OPEN, SLIM --OR CLOSED? WHICH TRACK IS THE TRAIN GOING TO TAKE?
I--I CAN'T REMEMBER! AND IF I LOOK BACK --I'LL BE BLINDED BY THE HEADLIGHT!
PANTING, HE SPED ALONG THE TRACK--HIS SHADOW SPRAWLING AHEAD OF HIM!
RUN... RUN... IT'S JUST AHEAD--THAT SAFETY RECESS IN THE TUNNEL WALL!
WHAAA!
THEN THE SHADOW BECAME A FIGURE-- LAUGHING OVER THE DRIVING THUNDER OF THE WHEELS!
NO ROOM, SLIM-- TRY THE NEXT ONE!
BAILEY--DON'T --DON'T! I'LL NEVER MAKE IT!
A LEAP TO THE OTHER TRACK AT THAT INSTANT MIGHT HAVE SAVED HIM! BUT LIKE A FANTASTIC MOTH ETCHED AGAINST THE GLARE --HE KEPT RUNNING!
NEVER-- NEVER--I CAN FEEL THE HEAT OF THE WHEELS!
WHAAAA!
AAAAGH!
AKLAK AKLAM!

THE HURTLING TRAIN CLOSED OVER SLIM WARREN LIKE A TUNNEL--A TUNNEL WHOSE SIDES WERE SPIRALS OF GRATING STEEL!

AKLAK AKLAM!

HE HUDDLED IN AGONY, HIS FACE JAMMED AGAINST A TIE--PRAYING FOR SOMETHING HIS CRAZED EYES COULD FASTEN ON--KNOWING IT **MIGHT** BE THE LAST THING THEY'D EVER SEE!

AKLAK-AKLAM AKLAM!

IN THAT SECOND, BETWEEN THE BLUR OF THE ROARING TRUCKS--**THERE IT WAS!**

BAILEY'S WATCH!

HE REACHED OUT--HALF-DEAFENED BY THE ROAR--HALF-BLINDED BY THE DUST AND FLASH OF THE PASSING TRAIN!

I'M ALIVE--ALIVE! THE TRAIN DIDN'T EVEN GRAZE ME--AND I'VE GOT WHAT I CAME FOR!

THEN THE ROAR AND THE FLASH MERGED--IN A JOLT THAT BOILED THROUGH SLIM WARREN'S BODY!

SSSKRAAAK!

IN THE BAGGAGE CAR--AS THE TRAIN LURCHED TO A STOP JUST OUTSIDE THE TUNNEL--

POWER'S OFF, TONY! SOMETHING MUST'VE SHORT-CIRCUITED THE THIRD RAIL!

HOPE WE GET MOVING SOON! YOU KINDA LIKE A SPECIAL UNSCHEDULED RUN TO GET WHERE IT'S GOING... **WHEN IT'S CARRYING THE BODIES OF WRECK VICTIMS TO THE MORGUE!**

THE ENGINEER SOUNDED THREE SHORT, INQUIRING BLASTS--AND THE HIGH-PITCHED ECHO THROBBED LIKE CRAZY LAUGHTER--**FROM THE TUNNEL!**

WHAA..HA..HAA!

HA HA HA!

THE END

OUT of the NIGHT... TO YOU!

HELLO AGAIN, fans! This month we've got some particularly important business to discuss. As usual, we're calling upon all of you for advice and opinion.

You'll notice that in this issue of "Out of the Night" all the stories are calculated to raise gooseflesh on any real lover of the *supernatural*. Quite frequently we publish short, factual accounts of strange happenings which point toward a supernatural agency. We spend quite a bit of time, effort, and money in authenticating as far as possible all reports of "true" uncanny events.

Lately some of you fans have suggested that we concentrate somewhat less on tales of the *supernatural* and move in the direction of "shock" stories. "Shock" stories can deal with anything at all, so long as the material is suspenseful, comparatively hard-boiled, and given to an unexpected and grim climax. We like that kind of story; we read them all the time. The question is: do you want us to give over some of our space to them?

Let us know, huh? Just write to The Editor, "Out of the Night", 45 West 45th Street, New York 36, N. Y. As usual, we'll be guided by your wishes. After all, that's how we built up our far-flung circulation and following! We'll carefully tabulate results and publish them here in an early issue. Okay?

With that out of the way we can turn to matters at hand: *this* bang-up issue. You'll find "*Nightmare From The Past!*" giving you nightmares in the present. Our personal choice, however, is "*The Tunnel!*" It's a tale of almost unbearable suspense, with a climax that shocks! When you read it you'll know *exactly* what we mean. Does the title "*The Cat Jumped Over The Corpse*" interest you? It should, because the story is spine-chilling! You'll find some engrossing shorts in this issue, too...brief tales which'll start your heart beating faster when midnight approaches.

Okay, that's enough chatter for now. See you next month! And now, let's get at the mail...

"Dear Editor:-

The stories in "Out of the Night" are wonderful. It's just like opening the locked door of the supernatural.

..Bob Barton , Schenectady, N.Y."

"Dear Editor:-

I've just read my first issue of "Out of the Night" and now I'm sure I'll be reading a lot more of them. I'm telling all my friends that if they want a thrilling comic to buy 'Out of the Night!'

..Judy Evans, Woods Cross, Utah."

"Dear Editor:-

I like best those stories which deal with werewolves and vampires and human beings who turn into animals and vice-versa. I really and truly enjoy 'Out of the Night' best of all magazines.

..C. Cabrera, New York, N.Y."

The LEGACY
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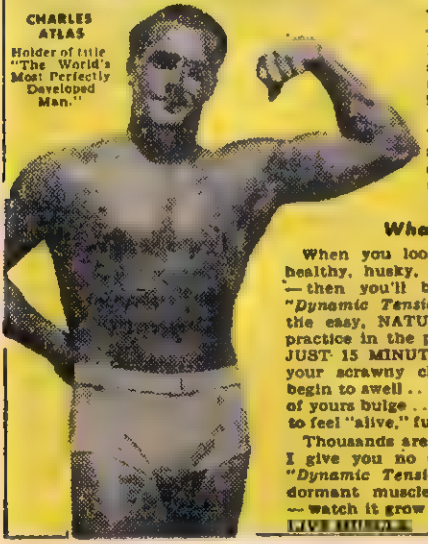
WHO'S CALLING ME? RALPH··· WAKE UP!
HILDA!
HILDA!
WHAT IS IT, HILDA?
LOOK···OVER THERE!S-SOMETHING'S TAKING SHAPE!
HUH? I DON'T SEE ANYTHING!
IT'S MY BROTHER ···SILAS!
LISTEN, HILDA ···CLOSELY··· REMEMBER···
REMBRANDT ···RIGHT 38··· LEFT 26···
BUT···I DON'T UNDERSTAND···
HE···HE'S GONE! IT WAS LIKE A GHOST··· BUT SILAS IS STILL ALIVE!
LOOK, HONEY···I DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING OR HEAR ANYTHING! YOU'VE HAD A HALLUCINATION!
BUT THE FOLLOWING MORNING···A TELEGRAM!
"YOUR BROTHER SILAS DIED EARLY LAST NIGHT. COME TO NEW YORK IMMEDIATELY FOR READING OF WILL."
THEN IT WASN'T A HALLUCINATION! BUT WHAT CAN IT ALL MEAN?

IN SILAS' NEW YORK MANSION···
WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, HILDA! NOW THE WILL CAN BE READ··· AND WE'LL SEE WHO GETS THE FORTUNE!
AS YOU KNOW, THE DECEASED WAS RATHER ECCENTRIC! HE WISHED TO LEAVE HIS WEALTH TO WHOMEVER LOVED HIM MOST! THEREFORE, HE MADE SPECIAL CONDITIONS··· WHICH I'LL NOW READ!
AS A BELIEVER IN THE SUPERNATURAL, I FEEL THAT MY MIND WILL FUNCTION AFTER DEATH, REVEALING ITSELF ONLY TO ONE WHO TRULY CARED FOR ME. TO THIS ONE I LEAVE MY FORTUNE···AND THE KNOWLEDGE OF WHERE IT IS HIDDEN!
IS THERE ANYONE AMONG YOU WHO CAN UNDERSTAND THIS STRANGE MESSAGE?
GOOD HEAVENS! SILAS WANTED ME TO HAVE IT···AND WHAT HE TOLD ME WAS THE COMBINATION OF A SAFE··· BEHIND A PAINTING BY REMBRANDT! LOOK ··· THERE'S ONE RIGHT THERE!
GREAT SCOTT! THERE IS A SAFE HERE!
WAIT! I-I MUST RECALL THE NUMBERS! RIGHT 38··· LEFT 26···
IT···IT'S CORRECT! CASH, JEWELS···EVERYTHING'S THERE! BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW?
BECAUSE SILAS DID CONTACT ME!
WHEN HILDA TOLD HER STORY···
IT'S A TRICK! WE'LL FIGHT THIS CASE IN COURT!
YOU CAN TRY, MADAM ···BUT IT WILL DO YOU NO GOOD!
AND SO IT PROVED, AS A COURT OF LAW HELD THAT HILDA SCOTT'S KNOWLEDGE WAS CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE OF SILAS' INTENTIONS!
THE END!

I Can Make YOU a New Man, Too, In Only 15 Minutes a Day!



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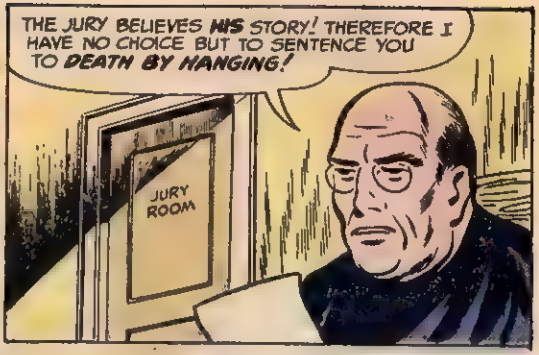

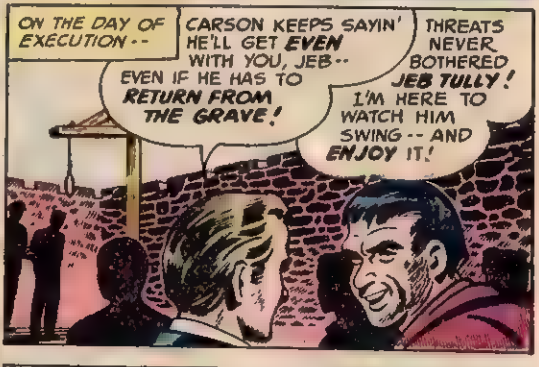

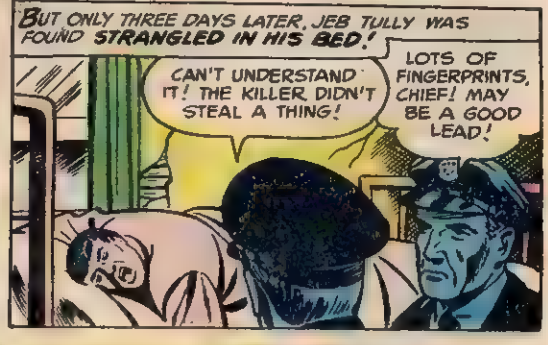

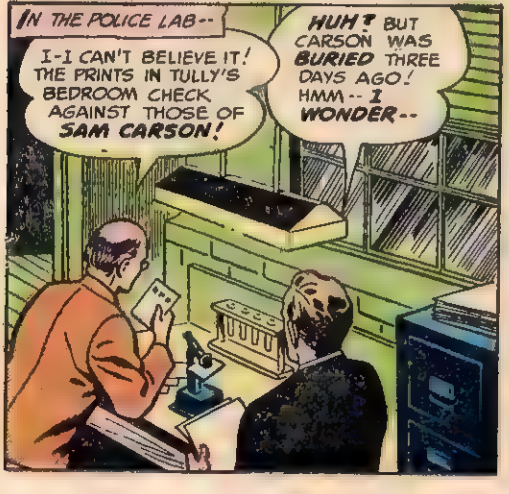

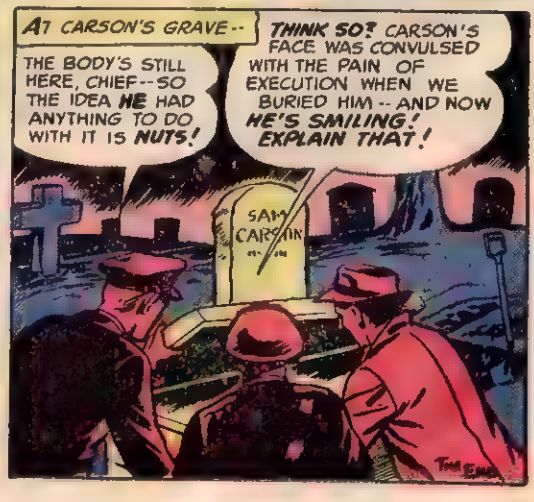

THIS STORY COMES FROM THE BACKWOODS COUNTRY OF THE GREAT SMOKIES, WHERE THE MOUNTAIN FOLK SAY THAT IF A CAT JUMPS OVER A CORPSE, THE DEAD PERSON WILL BECOME A VAMPIRE! JUST A SUPERSTITION, YOU SAY? WELL, THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED WHEN···

The CAT JUMPED over the CORPSE

JOHN HALE AND HIS BRIDE, MARIA, HAD GONE TO THE MOUNTAINS FOR A COMBINED HONEYMOON AND HUNTING TRIP! ON THEIR FIRST DAY OUT···

WONDERFUL COUNTRY, ISN'T IT?

YES, DEAR··· BUT UNDERNEATH THE BEAUTY THERE'S SOMETHING··· SINISTER!

TAKE ROWAN, OUR GUIDE··· THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT HIM!

NONSENSE, MARIA! HE'S A FINE FELLOW! YOU JUST AREN'T USED TO THESE MOUNTAIN PEOPLE!

SUDDENLY···

GOOD HEAVENS!

CR-RACK!

BOOOOOOOOM!

IT'S GRANNY AGAIN···MAKIN' WEATHER TO DRIVE YOU FURRINERS OUT OF THE HILLS! I'M LOSIN' ALL MY BUSINESS 'CAUSE O' HER!
CR-RACK!
WE BETTER HEAD FOR HER CABIN THERE AN' STOP HER!
BUT AS THEY OPENED THE CABIN DOOR···
OH-HH!
BACK, YOU BLACK DEVIL··· BACK!
PSSSSSST!
IT'S JUST MY CAT···NOTHIN' TO BE AFEARED OF! COME HERE, MY PET! HEH. HEH!
YOU'VE BEEN MAKIN' WEATHER AGAIN, GRANNY! YOU KNEW I WAS TAKIN' THE LADY AN' GENTLE-MAN HUNTIN'!
YOU LIE! MY OWN GRANDSON, AND YOU LIE!
YOU KEEP AWAY FROM GRANNY, ROWAN!
SO IT'S YOU AGAIN, IS IT?
THIS IS MY SISTER, KATIE ···AND A WILD ONE SHE IS!
SO YOU'RE THE CITY FOLK, EH? HOWDY!
HELLO!
I GOT A FEELIN' WE'LL BE SEEIN' MORE OF EACH OTHER··· LOTS MORE!
I···ER···I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG WE'LL BE HERE···

BUT MARIA HAD SEEN THE POSSESSIVE GLEAM IN KATIE'S EYES AS SHE STARED AT JOHN···
COME, JOHN! WE'D BETTER BE GOING!
WE'LL MEET AGAIN··· JOHNNY!
THAT NIGHT, IN THEIR CABIN··
PLEASE, JOHN ···LET'S LEAVE THIS PLACE··· NOW! I DON'T LIKE IT!
OKAY, HONEY··· IF IT BOTHERS YOU WE'LL LEAVE IN THE MORNING!
BUT, IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT···
THAT VOICE··· SO UNEARTHLY ···CALLING ME! I-I MUST FOLLOW IT! I CAN'T··· RESIST···
MA··RI··AAAAAA···
AS THE HYPNOTIC WAIL GREW LOUDER···
MAAAA-RIIIIIII-AAAAAA
MA··RI···AAAAA
GRANNY SAID THE CALL OF THE OWL WOULD FETCH YOU! YOU'RE GOING TO DIE NOW···AND YOUR MAN WILL BELONG TO ME!
SUDDENLY, SOMETHING SNAPPED IN MARIA··· BRINGING HER BACK TO REALITY! THEN··· WITH A SUDDEN LUNGE···
NO YOU DON'T! GIVE ME THAT RIFLE!
YOU DEVIL! YOU'RE GONNA DIE!
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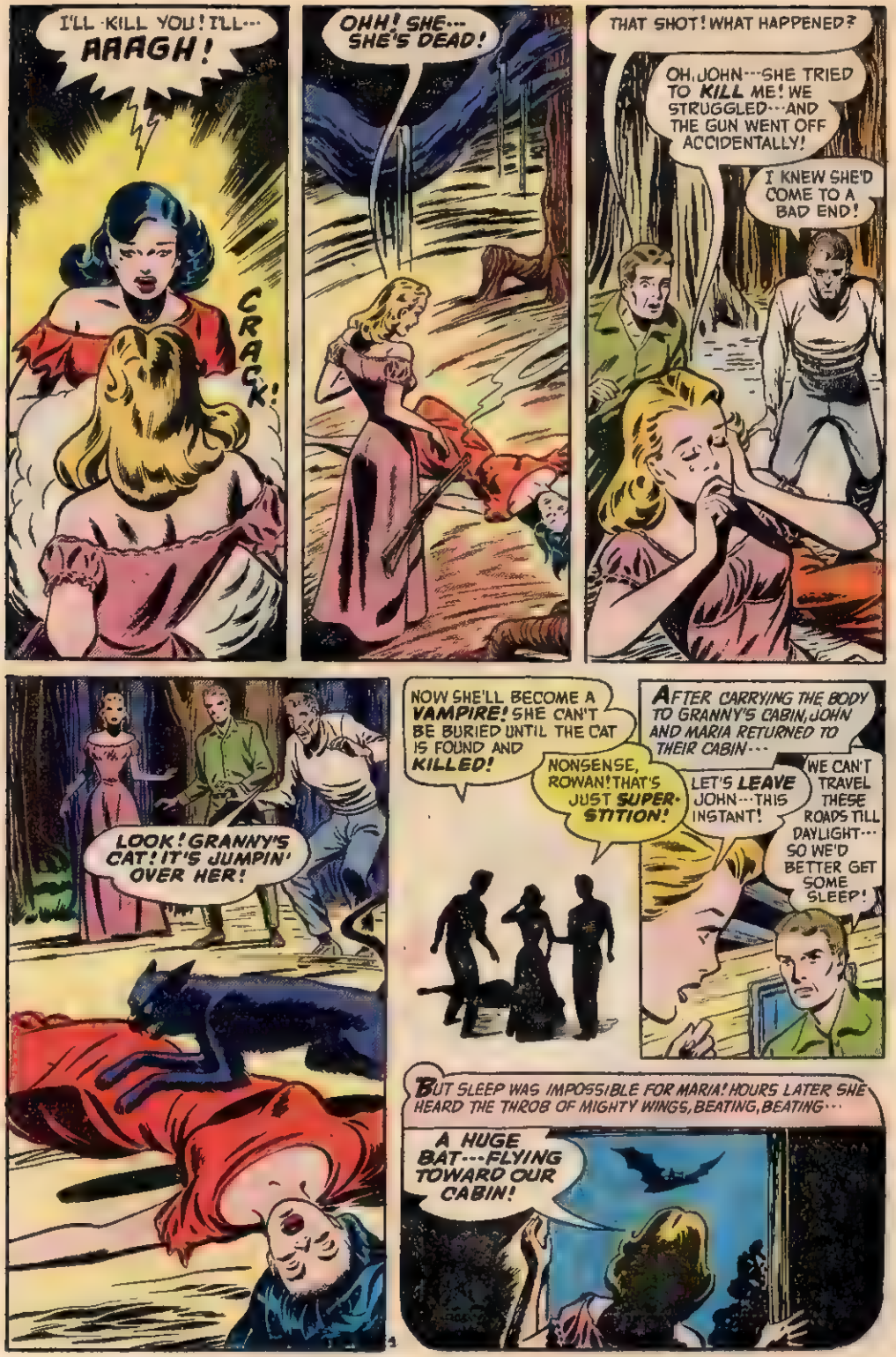
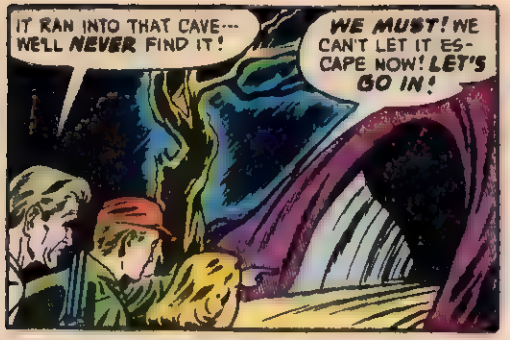
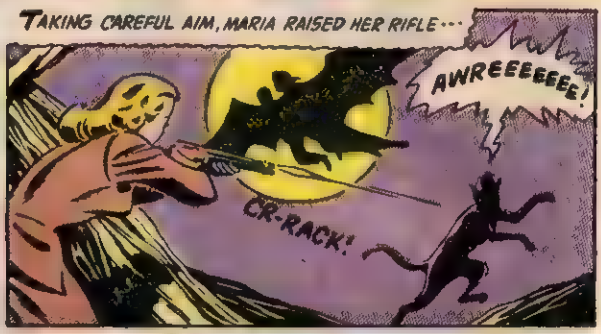

I'LL KILL YOU! I'LL··· AAAGH!
CRACK!
OHH! SHE··· SHE'S DEAD!
THAT SHOT! WHAT HAPPENED?
OH, JOHN···SHE TRIED TO KILL ME! WE STRUGGLED···AND THE GUN WENT OFF ACCIDENTALLY!
I KNEW SHE'D COME TO A BAD END!
LOOK! GRANNY'S CAT! IT'S JUMPIN' OVER HER!
NOW SHE'LL BECOME A VAMPIRE! SHE CAN'T BE BURIED UNTIL THE CAT IS FOUND AND KILLED!
NONSENSE, ROWAN! THAT'S JUST SUPER-STITION!
AFTER CARRYING THE BODY TO GRANNY'S CABIN, JOHN AND MARIA RETURNED TO THEIR CABIN···
LET'S LEAVE JOHN···THIS INSTANT!
WE CAN'T TRAVEL THESE ROADS TILL DAYLIGHT··· SO WE'D BETTER GET SOME SLEEP!
BUT SLEEP WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR MARIA! HOURS LATER SHE HEARD THE THROB OF MIGHTY WINGS, BEATING, BEATING···
A HUGE BAT···FLYING TOWARD OUR CABIN!

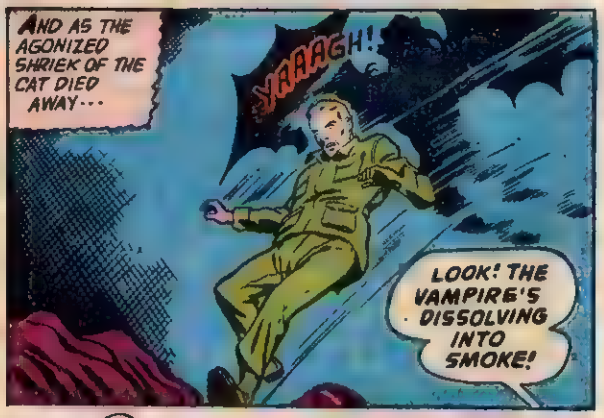
THEN, WITH A RUSH OF HORROR···
I HAVE COME FOR JOHNNY··HE MUST JOIN ME!
NO-NO! IT CAN'T BE!
JOHN! JOHN! HELP! WAKE UP!
WHAT THE···? GREAT SCOTT!
SO BE IT··· FOR NOW! BUT MY TURN WILL COME!
IT'S··· IT'S FLYING OFF!
THANK HEAVEN!
NOW WE CAN'T LEAVE ···UNTIL WE KILL THE CAT··· OR THE VAMPIRE WILL BE BACK, WHEREVER WE ARE!
YOU'RE RIGHT! TOMORROW THAT CAT DIES!
NEXT DAY···
GRANNY'S CAT DIDN'T COME BACK! WE'LL HAVE TO TRACK IT THROUGH THE WOODS!
LET'S GO!
ALL DAY THE FRUITLESS HUNT WENT ON! THEN, AS NIGHT FELL···
THERE IT IS!
DON'T LET IT GET AWAY!


IT RAN INTO THAT CAVE··· WE'LL NEVER FIND IT!
WE MUST! WE CAN'T LET IT ESCAPE NOW! LET'S GO IN!

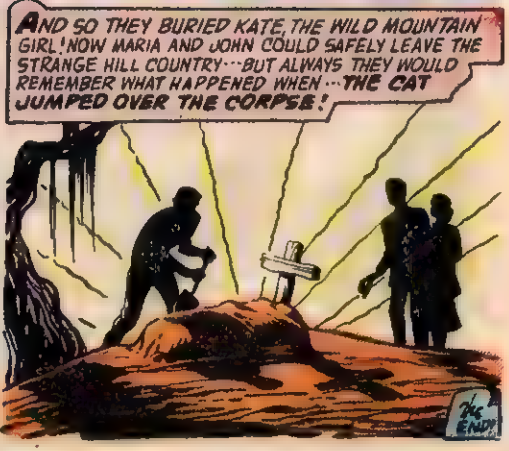
WITHIN THE DARK AND FORBIDDING CAVE, SUDDENLY···
LOOK OUT! IT'S THE VAMPIRE!

SHE'S GOT HIM! WE'RE HELPLESS··· BULLETS CAN'T STOP HER!


TAKING CAREFUL AIM, MARIA RAISED HER RIFLE···
AWREEEEEEE!
CR-RACK!


AND AS THE AGONIZED SHRIEK OF THE CAT DIED AWAY···
YRRRGH!
LOOK! THE VAMPIRE'S DISSOLVING INTO SMOKE!

OH, JOHN, JOHN! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YES··· I'M SAFE NOW··· THANKS TO YOU, DARLING!


AND SO THEY BURIED KATE, THE WILD MOUNTAIN GIRL! NOW MARIA AND JOHN COULD SAFELY LEAVE THE STRANGE HILL COUNTRY···BUT ALWAYS THEY WOULD REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED WHEN···THE CAT JUMPED OVER THE CORPSE!
THE END!

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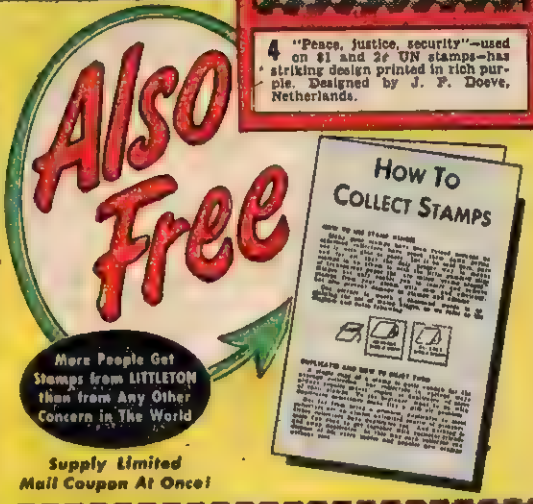

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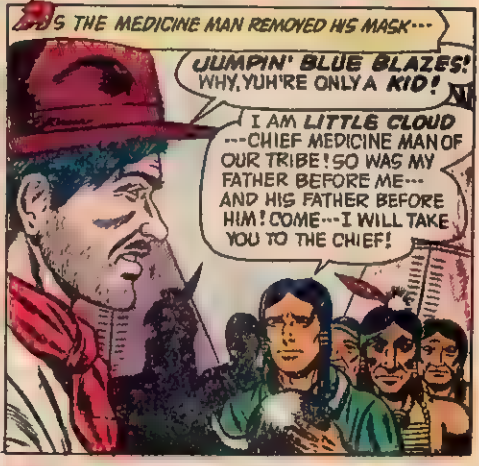

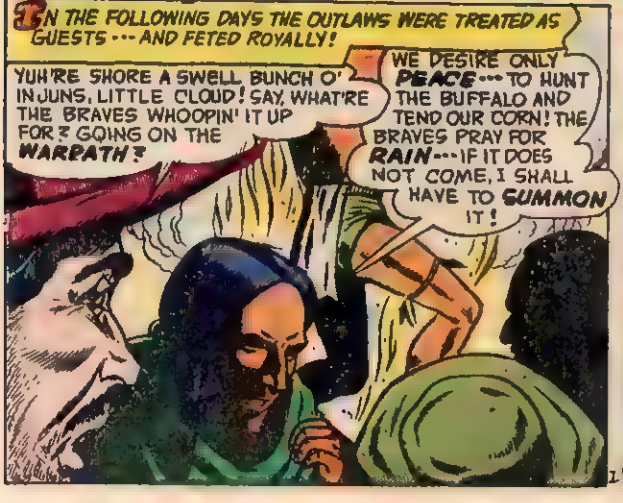

NEXT DAY, AS THE DROUGHT CONTINUED, LITTLE CLOUD DONNED THE GARB OF THE MEDICINE MAN! THEN···
KUMBAYO TELLI CHUNGA KRAI! KUMBAYO TELLI CHUNGA KRAI!
CONGARNED MUMBO-JUMBO! THAT CAIN'T DO NO GOOD!
BUT NEXT MOMENT···
IT HAS COME ···THE RAIN!
WAL, I'LL BE···!
CR-RACK!
SEVERAL DAYS LATER···
THANKS, LITTLE CLOUD! CAIN'T TELL, MAYBE WE'LL BE SEEIN' EACH OTHER AGAIN!
FARE-WELL, PALE-FACES! MAY FOR-TUNE SMILE ON ALL YOUR VENTURES!
WHY YOU STOPPIN', BOSS? WE'D BETTER GET MOVIN' ···WE'RE RUNNIN' MIGHTY LOW ON CASH!
JEST WHAT I BEEN THINKIN'! MEBBE YUH DIDN'T NOTICE···BUT THEM INJUNS GOT A HEAP O' GOLD AN' JEWELS IN THEIR TEPEES···AN' NO RIFLES! IT'LL BE EASY TUH ROUND UP A BUNCH O' THE BOYS AN' WIPE THOSE REDSKINS OUT!
WEEKS LATER···AFTER A LARGE GROUP OF KILLERS HAD BEEN GATHERED···
I KNOW IT SHOULD BE A CINCH, SLADE··· BUT THAT INJUN, LITTLE CLOUD, HE'S GOT STRANGE POWERS!
THE KID WAS JUST LUCKY··· THAT'S ALL! WITH-OUT RIFLES, THEM VARMINTS DON'T STAND A CHANCE! OKAY, BOYS···LET'S GO!
WITH GUNS AND TREACHEROUS SURPRISE ON THEIR SIDE···THE WHITE MEN CARRIED OUT A MASSACRE!
HIYA, LITTLE CLOUD··· I TOLD YUH WE MIGHT BE MEETIN' AGAIN! HA-HA!
KILL 'EM ALL, BOYS!
BANG!
AI-EEE!
AGH!
BANG!
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AFTER THE CARNAGE···
NICE PIECE O' WORK, MEN! NOW LET'S GIT THE LOOT AN' VAMOOSE!
THE BODIES OF THE INDIANS WERE LEFT TO THE VULTURES AND COYOTES! BUT THAT NIGHT···AS THE MOON ROSE FULL···
RISE, MY SLAIN BROTHERS! WHILE OUR CORPSES LIE UNAVENGED, OUR SPIRITS CAN NEVER REACH THE HAPPY HUNTING GROUNDS! WE MUST MOUNT OUR HORSES ···AND RIDE!
IN THE SLEEPING CAMP OF THE WHITE MEN···
N-NO! IT'S THEM! THE INJUNS WE KILLED!
BEFORE THE KILLERS COULD MOVE FROM THEIR BLANKETS··· THE SPECTRAL RIDERS WERE UPON THEM!
YAAAGH!
AVENGE YOURSELVES, MY BROTHERS!
ONE MAN HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO LIVE···PURPOSELY! FOR HIM, A GRIMMER JUSTICE WAS PLANNED···
LEMME GO··· PLEASE! I'LL GIVE BACK THE LOOT! I'LL···
SILENCE, WHITE MAN! YOU SHALL DIE FITTINGLY··· INDIAN FASHION! IN MY HANDS IS A PIECE OF RAWHIDE···WET! DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH IT SHRINKS ···WHEN IT DRIES? BIND HIM TO THE TREE!
DON'T! I CAN'T BREATHE!
SOON THE THONG WILL BEGIN TO DRY··· PULLING TIGHTER AND TIGHER···BUT SLOWLY! FAREWELL, WHITE MAN!
DON'T LEAVE ME! NO! IT'S GETTIN' TIGHTER!
BUT THE KILLER'S WILD SHRIEKS WERE HEARD ONLY BY HIMSELF! ON ALL SIDES LAY THE CORPSES OF HIS KINSMEN···PREY TO VULTURES AND COYOTES···AND IN THE DISTANCE THE INDIANS WERE RIDING FAST INTO THE BEYOND, FOR ···THEY HAD BEEN AVENGED!

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